**EVENT SUPPORT PERSONS REGULATIONS**

**1 GENERAL**

1.1 These Event Support Persons Regulations (ESPR) shall apply at all times while support persons are at the event venue or on the racing area.

1.2 For the purposes of these regulations, a ‘support person vessel’ includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a person who does or may provide physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.

1.3 The organizing authority may inspect support person vessels at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the vessel shall facilitate such inspection.

1.4 The organizing authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the official notice board.

1.5 To register for the event each support boat must send the documents needed (insurance and driver’s license) at the respective Venue Nautical Club mentioned in NoR 1 and pay the relevant fee. Registration will be completed on October 31st 2021.

1.6 Support persons must wear Personal Floatation Devices at all times other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. With the motor running they are required to wear the Quick Stop / Kill Cord at all times.

1.7 For the Olympic events only: Support person vessels shall clearly be marked with the three-letter national code of their World Sailing member national authority at all times while afloat.

**2 SAFETY**

2.1 Support person vessels shall carry on board:

* first-aid kit;
* device for making sound signals;
* compass;
* adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
* tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
* operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer);
* any additional safety equipment required by local maritime law.

2.2 The number of passengers shall never exceed the maximum plated / certified passenger limits for the vessel.

2.3 At all times, support persons including the registered driver(s) of a support person vessel shall comply with directions given by or under the authority of a race official. This includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.

**3 RACE AREA RESTRICTIONS**

3.1 Support Boat’s location while afloat:

3.1.1 From the time of the warning signal for the first fleet to start, until all boats in all fleets are no longer racing, support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are or will be racing and shall not be closer than 100m to any boat racing.

3.1.2 When in the starting area, support boats shall remain in the waiting area, which is approximately 50m away from the starting line and the extensions in all directions, from the first warning signal of a race, until the last fleet of that race has started. However, they may abandon the waiting area temporarily to serve their competitors after a fleet has started, been postponed, or abandoned, until the warning signal of the next fleet to start is made. Note that the limitations in ESPR 3.1.1 always apply.

3.1.3 When a race committee or jury member indicates a support boat to move further from the course area, the mentioned boat shall do so immediately.

**4 VHF RADIO CHANNELS**

The race committee may use the following VHF radio channels for information and communication according to RRS 37: See SI 3.3